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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A document taking-over system including an electronic pen terminal device provided with an electronic pen which gets information written by hand on a document prepared to be able to specify a kind thereof together with kind information of said document as electronic data and for transmitting said electronic data, a document taking-over apparatus for processing said electronic data to produce it as document information and a system disposed at a latter stage to utilize said document information, which are connected to one another through a network;

said document taking-over apparatus comprising:

communication means for receiving said electronic data from said electronic pen terminal device through said network and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage;

memory means for storing format information which defines specifications for converting said electronic data into a predetermined format utilizable in said system at the latter stage;

recognition means for taking out characters or selection item from said electronic data on the basis of said format information to recognize said taken-out characters or selection item;

preparation means for preparing said document information of said predetermined format on the basis of said characters or selection item recognized by said recognition means and said format information; and

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registration means for registering said document information in said memory means and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage by means of said communication means.

2. (Currently Amended) A document taking-over system including an electronic pen terminal device provided with an electronic pen which gets information written by hand on a document prepared to be able to specify a kind thereof together with kind information of said document as electronic data and for transmitting said electronic data, a document taking-over apparatus for processing said electronic data to produce it as document information and a system disposed at a latter stage to utilize said document information, which are connected to one another through a network, wherein:

said electronic pen terminal device is adapted to interface with document identifying indicia of said document, said document identifying indicia dictating data entry layout areas of said document, where said information is written;

said document taking-over apparatus comprising:
communication means for receiving said electronic data including said information written to said data entry layout areas, from said electronic pen terminal device through said network and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage;

memory means for storing format information which defines specifications for converting said electronic data into a predetermined format utilizable in said system at the latter stage;

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preparation means for preparing said document information of said predetermined format on the basis of said electronic data and said format information; and

registration means for registering said document information in said memory means and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage by means of said communication means.

3. (Currently Amended) A document taking-over system including a terminal device provided with an electronic pen which gets information written by hand on a document prepared to be able to specify a kind thereof together with kind information of said document as electronic data and for transmitting said electronic data, a document taking-over apparatus for processing said electronic data to produce it as document information, a correspondence retrieval apparatus for transmitting connection information to said document taking-over apparatus to said terminal device, and a system disposed at a latter stage to utilize said document information, which are connected to one another through a network;

said correspondence retrieval apparatus comprising:

first memory means for storing at least correspondence information for causing said kind information of said document to correspond to said connection information, to said document taking-over apparatus;

first communication means for communicating with said terminal device through said network; and

retrieval means for searching, when said kind information of said document is received from said terminal device, said correspondence information for said

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connection information to said document taking-over apparatus corresponding to

| said kind information of said document, to transmit said connection information to
| said terminal device;

 said document taking-over apparatus comprising:

 second communication means for receiving said electronic data from said
terminal device through said network and transmitting said document information to
said system at the latter stage;

 second memory means for storing format information which defines
specifications for converting said electronic data into a predetermined format
utilizable in said system at the latter stage;

 recognition means for taking out characters or selection item from said
electronic data on the basis of said format information to recognize said taken-out
characters or selection item;

 preparation means for preparing said document information of said
predetermined format on the basis of said characters or selection item recognized
by said recognition means and said format information; and

 registration means for registering said document information in said memory
means and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage
by means of said second communication means.

4. (Currently Amended) A document taking-over system including a terminal
device provided with an electronic pen which gets information written by hand on a
document prepared to be able to specify a kind thereof together with kind
information of said document as electronic data and for transmitting said electronic

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data, a document taking-over apparatus for processing said electronic data to produce it as document information, a correspondence retrieval apparatus for transmitting connection information to said document taking-over apparatus to said terminal device, and a system disposed at a latter stage to utilize said document information, which are connected to one another through a network, wherein:

said electronic pen terminal device is adapted to interface with document identifying indicia of said document, said document identifying indicia dictating data entry layout areas of said document, where said information is written;

said correspondence retrieval apparatus comprising:

first memory means for storing at least correspondence information for causing said kind information of said document to correspond to said connection information to said document taking-over apparatus;

first communication means for communicating with said terminal device through said network; and

retrieval means for searching, when said kind information of said document is received from said terminal device, said correspondence information for said connection information to said document taking-over apparatus corresponding to said kind information of said document, to transmit said connection information to said terminal device;

said document taking-over apparatus comprising:

second communication means for receiving said electronic data including said information written to said data entry layout areas, from said terminal device through said network and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage;

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second memory means for storing format information which defines specifications for converting said electronic data into a predetermined format utilizable in said system at the latter stage;

preparation means for preparing said document information of said predetermined format on the basis of said electronic data and said format information; and

registration means for registering said document information in said memory means and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage by means of said second communication means.

5. (Original) A document taking-over system according to Claim 1, wherein said recognition means comprises a recognition unit connected to said network.

6. (Original) A document taking-over system according to Claim 1, wherein said document taking-over apparatus comprises:
preparing a display picture for inputting correspondence information indicating correspondence of said kind information of said document, said format information and said system at the latter stage by means of said preparation means; and
registering said correspondence information inputted by using said display picture in said memory means by means of said registration means and transmitting said document information to said system at the latter stage by means of said communication means on the basis of said correspondence information.

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7. (Currently Amended) A document taking-over system according to Claim 3, wherein

 | said correspondence retrieval apparatus further comprises
 | second preparation means for preparing separate display pictures or the
 | same display picture for inputting at least said connection information to said
 | document taking-over apparatus, connection information to said system at the latter
 | stage, said kind information of said document, said format information and
 | information indicative of correspondence of said document taking-over apparatus
 | and said system at the latter stage; and

 | second registration means for registering said information inputted by means
 | of said display picture as said correspondence information in said first memory
 | means and transmitting said correspondence information to said document taking-
 | over apparatus by means of said first communication means.

8. (Currently Amended) A document taking-over system according to Claim 6, further comprising

 | a correction terminal apparatus connected to said network;
 | and wherein
 | said document taking-over apparatus comprises:
 | preparing a list picture for displaying a list of document information by means
 | of said preparation means and transmitting said list picture to said correction
 | terminal apparatus by means of said communication means;
 | preparing when document information one wishes to correct is selected from

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